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## *Two Weston Residents Indicted by Federal Grand Jury*

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — Two Weston, West Virginia, residents were named in separate Indictments on January 9, 2007, returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that:

MICHAEL S. THOMPSON, age 35, of 377 John Street, Weston, West Virginia, was named in a two-count Superseding Indictment. Count One of the Superseding Indictment alleges that THOMPSON, having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, unlawfully possessed a Marlin rifle and a Colt AR-15 rifle on February 25, 2006, in Lewis County, West Virginia. Count Two of the Superseding Indictment alleges that THOMPSON willfully disobeyed and resisted a lawful Order issued by Chief Judge Irene M. Keeley on December 19, 2006, in the case of *United States of America v. Michael S. Thompson* by knowingly failing to appear as required for the trial of *United States of America v. Michael S. Thompson* on January 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. If convicted, THOMPSON faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on Count One of the Superseding Indictment; and a period of incarceration and a fine at the discretion of the Court on Count Two of the Superseding Indictment.

KIM MACKEY, also of 377 John Street, Weston, was named in a one-count Indictment. The Indictment alleges that MACKEY made false statements in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, on January 8, 2007, by advising federal agents that (1) she had last seen Michael Thompson at approximately 1:30 a.m. on January 8, 2007; (2)

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that she did not know who had drive Michael Thompson away from her residence or where he had gone; and (3) that he had only taken the clothes he had intended to wear to Court when he left her residence; when, in fact, MACKEY knew that Michael Thompson left her residence after 8:30 a.m. carrying a large amount of clothing and that MACKEY had arranged to have a friend drive Michael Thompson to a location where he could evade

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law enforcement authorities. If convicted, **MACKEY** faces a maximum exposure of five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney **Zelda E. Wesley**. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictments are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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